Fulfilment of objectives of Sahitya Academy

†3328. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the objectives for which Sahitya Academy was set up are being fairly fulfilled;

(b) whether there is any dispute in this regard;

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) the details regarding the total number of books in Indian languages and English language which have been awarded during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) During the year 1996 to 2000 the Sahitya Akademi selected 107 works in the languages recognized by the Akademi for various awards. This includes four works of Indian authors in English.

FICCI acting as catalyst for promotion of tourism in India

3329. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to monitor and assist the southern States in formulating tourism friendly policies, FICCI has proposed to set up a regional advisory council on tourism;

(b) if so, whether this proposal was discussed at the national Committee meeting on May 1, 2001;

(c) whether FICCI has been acting as a catalyst for the promotion of tourism in India;

(d) if so, to what extent this two-day meeting has formulated a scheme on development of tourism; and

(e) by when they are likely to be implemented?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) FICCI has informed that they have constituted a "Look South Forum" for promotion of Tourism in South India.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) FICCI is supplementing the efforts of the Government for promotion and Development of Tourism in India.

(d) FICCI in their Conference held at Cochin on 3rd and 4th April, 2001 formulated strategy for development and promotion of tourism in Southern States.

(e) Implementation of the strategy is an on going process.

Permission to conduct sound and light show at Thousand Pillared Temple, Warangal

3330. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government have approached the Union Government for permission to conduct a sound and light show at the Thousand Pillared Temple in Warangal;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Archaeological Survey of India has given in principle permission to Andhra Pradesh Tourism Corporation Ltd., for the purpose;

(c) when the temple is again expected to be inspected by the A.S.I. as the matter has already been sufficiently delayed; and

(d) when necessary permission is expected to be given to start the show at the temple?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Recent inspection of the monument revealed that some of the portions of the temple complex is in dilapidated condition and requires intricate structural repairs which is the immediate priority of the Archaeological Survey of India.